

## Message Text

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ACTION COME-00

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 IO-14 ISO-00 DRC-01 AID-20 CEA-02

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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8167

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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TAGS: EIND, EEC, ETEL

SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION DRAFT MEMORANDUM ON COMPUTER  
POLICY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 5941, STATE 202468, STATE 146948

1. ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER RAISED THE ISSUE OF EC  
COMPUTER POLICY IN A CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY STEEG AND LEYSER (EC FINANCIAL AIDS) OF THE  
ECONOMICS MINISTRY ON OCTOBER 18. WE NOTED THAT WHILE  
EARLIER PRESS REPORTS HAD INDICATED THAT THE  
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COMMISSION'S DRAFT POLICY CONTAINED FACTORS

OBJECTIONABLE TO US WE HAD RECEIVED A MORE RECENT REPORT WHICH LED US TO BELIEVE THESE FACTORS HAD BEEN REMOVED OR AT LEAST WATERED DOWN. NONETHELESS WE THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS SPECIFICALLY IN THE AREAS OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND SUBSIDIZATION.

2. LEYSER NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL ON COMPUTERS WAS STILL IN THE FORMULATIVE STAGES. HE SAID THE FRG IS OPPOSED TO THE COORDINATION OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT POLICY AND DOES NOT INTEND TO LIMIT PUBLIC PURCHASES TO FIRMS WITH MAJORITY EUROPEAN NATIONAL OWNERSHIP. LEYSER SAID THE FRG FAVORED COOPERATION AMONG EUROPEAN COMPUTER INDUSTRIES BUT THAT SUCH COOPERATION SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE US-OWNED FIRMS. HE SAID THE FRG LIKEWISE WANTS THE US INVOLVED IN THE HARMONIZATION OF COMPUTER INDUSTRY STANDARDS. ON THE QUESTION OF SUBSIDIES, MRS. STEEG STRESSED THAT THE FRG ONLY SUBSIDIZED THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TECHNIQUES AND NEW PROCEDURES AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS OPPOSED TO SUBSIDIES FOR PRODUCTION OR EXPORTS. LEYSER SAID REPEATEDLY DURING THE DISCUSSION THAT THE FRG IS CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO A "CLOSED SHOP" IN THE EC COMPUTER INDUSTRY. HILLENBRAND

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